

WYZZ QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

[Q1 January thru March 2014]

WYZZ'S programs, news reports and public services announcements provided significant treatment of the following issues that were important to the community in the 1st quarter of 2014:

Education

A closely watched battle for the Peoria District 150 school board seat in District 3 resulted in a win for Sue Wolstenholm. Wolstenholm ran against incumbent Laura Petelle and won with 68 percent of the vote. Wolstenholm already announced she would step down if elected because for medical reasons. A community group, Change150 backed Wolstenholm anyway, hoping to send a message to the school board that people want change. The organization wants the board to consider a candidate of their choice.

The Dunlap school board voted to cut 17 full time positions from its staff. The board voted five to two to make the cuts. Administrators say the cuts are a partial fix to the 2 million dollar deficit they're facing in fiscal year 20-15. More than 500 people attended the meeting. Parents are concerned about the increase in class size that would come with the cuts to staff. They're also worried about the quality of one-on-one time students will get with larger class sizes in the already growing district.

Politics

WMBD/WYZZ covered the primary elections on March 21st on air, online and on the go. It was a heated race for the GOP candidate for Governor. Bruce Rauner won and will face Pat Quinn in November. There were multiple key races including sales taxes in local counties, school board and sheriff races, as well as several pocketbook issues.

Illinois became the last state to allow the concealed carrying of weapons starting January 2014. The Illinois State Police say they have received around 1,000 applications from people wanting to be instructors. The first concealed carry permits are being mailed to participants. There's also an investigation into some concealed carry trainers giving permits to unqualified participants.

Health/Healthcare

Heroin use in central Illinois is growing. Local first responders are equipped with a life saving weapon called Naloxone or Narcan. When injected or sprayed into the nose it reverses the effects of an opiate overdose. Pekin Police say calls on heroin overdoses are up. Right now EMT's carry it and Naloxone is on fire trucks so could police officers be next? People who oppose Narcan say it just enables addicts, allowing them to use as much as they want because they know they can be saved.

The Affordable Care Act's open enrollment deadline is March 31st. If you are required to have health insurance and haven't purchased health care coverage by that date, you can't enroll in

health coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace after open enrollment, may face a tax penalty on your 2014 taxes filed in 2015, and must wait until the next open enrollment period unless you have a qualifying life event. If you already have insurance through your employer, Medicaid, Medicare or a private provider, you're covered and will not receive a penalty as long as your insurance meets minimum standards under the Affordable Care Act.

Crime/Law Enforcement

The Peoria Police Department hired seven new officers in February. They're about a month into training, transitioning from desk work to the streets. Steve Settingsgaard, Peoria's Chief of Police hopes these officers along with other technology will help them get ahead of summer crime. They will be responding to shot spotter calls. They will be as part of a patrol force.

There has only been 1 homicide in 2014 so far. One man died of multiple gunshot wounds that involved members of the zone 4 gang. Peoria's Police Chief says the most recent murder prompted an upcoming call-in. Members from several gangs are invited to that meeting at the Peoria Public Library downtown on March 24.

Legal Matters

The city of Peoria has reached a settlement in a federal lawsuit involving a Peoria police officer. City council approved paying out \$20,000 in the settlement. The money is claimed toward bankruptcy proceedings. The settlement stems from a November 2012 lawsuit Peoria police officer Donna Nicholson filed against the City of Peoria and fellow officer Jeff Wilson citing a hostile working environment and retaliation claims. Nicholson and Wilson are involved in an ongoing legal battle in which Nicholson alleged Wilson illegally videotaped her. In July 2013, a Peoria judge ruled against extending the stalking no contact order sought by Nicholson against Wilson the judge also lifted any restrictions against Wilson. City officials tell us Nicholson could potentially file another federal suit and the city could potentially be on the hook to pay more money in a state case.

Mansur Shakirov was found guilty by a McLean County jury after his semi- truck hit veteran Hudson firefighter Chris Brown on Interstate 39 last March. The news was emotion-filled for friends and family, and it came after a week full of passionate testimony from first responders. Prosecutors used video evidence...and trooper testimony to show visibility on the roadways on March 5, 2013, was fine. Defense attorney Chris Gramm maintained the roads were icy, since others had already slid off of the roadways, but the jury found otherwise. And while Shakirov heads behind bars, prosecutors hope a bigger point is delivered, to move over at the scene of an accident to avoid tragedies like this one. Shakirov will be sentenced on April 24.

Programs:**Local:**

Program	Day	Time
Fox News at 9	M-F	9:00 – 10:00 p.m.

The above programming is locally produced news and entertainment programming presenting a mix of news, weather, sports, lifestyle programming focusing on current issues and events.

National:

Program	Day	Time
Prime Programming	M-Sat	7:00-9:00 p.m.
	Sun	6:00-9:00 p.m.
FOX Sports/Movies	Sat	12:00-6:00 p.m.
	Sun	12:00-6:00 p.m.

Variety of sporting events/movies provided by the iconic FOX organization.

Children's Programming	M-F	7:00-7:30 a.m.
	Sat	7:00-8:00 a.m.

Variety of educational programming for children provided by the FOX organization.

Fox News	Sun	9:00-10:00 a.m.
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Variety of news events provided by the iconic FOX organizations.

Fox Various <i>Entertainment Programming</i>	Sat	10:00-11:30 p.m.
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Syndicated:

Program	Day	Time
Divorce Court	M-F	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
People's Court	M-F	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
America's Court	M-F	11:00 – 12:00p.m.
Justice For All	M-F	12:00 – 12:30 p.m.
Supreme Justice	M-F	12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Judge Mathis	M-F	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Trisha Goddard	M-F	2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Jerry Springer	M-F	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Maury Povich	M-F	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Talk shows portraying a variety of topics.

The Simpsons	M-F	12:30 a.m.-1:00 a.m.
Bing Bang Theory	M-F	5:30 – 6:00 p.m. 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.
	Sat	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
	Sun	9:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Two and ½ Men	M-F	5:00 – 5:30 p.m. 10:00 – 10:30 p.m.
	Sat	5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
	Sun	11:00 p.m. – 12:00a.m.
Modern Family	M-F	6:00 – 6:30 p.m. 10:00 – 10:30 p.m.
	Sat	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
30 Rock	M-F	2:30 – 3:30 a.m.
	Sun	10:00 – 11:00 p.m.
TMZ	M-F	11:00 – 11:30 p.m. 3:30 – 4:00 a.m.
	Sat	1:00 – 2:00 a.m.
Dish Nation	M-F	11:30 – 12:00 a.m.
Burn Notice	Sat	12:30 – 1:30 a.m.
	Sun	12:00 – 1:00 a.m.
Ring of Honor	Sat	11:00 – 12:00 a.m.
	Sun	1:00 – 2:00 a.m.
Sunny in Philadelphia	M-F	2:00 – 2:30 a.m.
	Sat	1:30 – 2:00 a.m.
Everybody Loves Raymond	M-F	12:00 – 12:30 a.m.
	Sat	1:00 – 1:30 a.m.
Queen Latifah	M-F	4:00 – 5:00 a.m.

Variety of entertainment programming

Public Service Announcements: In addition to the above programming WMBD broadcast public service announcements related to the following issues:

“Crimestoppers”

Weekly outreach for tips to catch local criminals. Produced in-house.

“Gerbils on a Train”

Children’s Oral Health

“Journey”

Recycling

“Frozen”

Foreclosure Prevention

“Unplug”

Discovering Nature

“Pep Talk”

GED Achievement

“Flashback”

Child Passenger Safety

“Chase”

Financial Literacy

“Caine” “Lockers” “MLBN Trivia”

Bullying Prevention

“New Odds” “Eye Contact” “Times have Changed”

Autism Awareness

“Cook” “Clean” Chill” “Separate”

Food Safety Education

“Cliff” “Oven”

Energy Efficiency

“Cookies” “Danger Dad” “Handy Dad” “Ice Cream” “Mom-ents”

Adoption

“Roles”

Caregiver Assistance

“Neighbor”

“Wildfire Prevention”

These public service announcements were broadcast at various times throughout the day.